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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Los Angeles, California to Jackson, Mississippi July 15, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

REFERENCES

Los Angeles teletypes to Bureau, 7/12/61.  
New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 7/15/61.  
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LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO &amp; SEATTLE OFFICES (INFORMATION)

By airtel 7/18/61, Los Angeles, San Francisco & Seattle  
were requested to conduct indices, credit and criminal checks on  
Freedom Riders residing their divisions.

APPROVED  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.
2. Will advise Los Angeles of final disposition of Freedom Riders [ ] ROSENBERG and [ ]

ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

The Los Angeles Office has advised that Freedom Riders [ ] ROSE SCHORR ROSENBERG are on the security index of the Los Angeles Office and that [ ] may be identical with [ ] on whom subversive information exists. Copies of this report are being designated for appropriate Los Angeles files for information. 4

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Date: AUG 15 1961

File Number: 157-340

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus  
Los Angeles, California to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 15, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS.

Synopsis:

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Twelve Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Greyhound Bus at 6:49 PM, 7/15/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Greyhound Bus Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD Officer to move on. All charged with Breach of Peace. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/17/61, and after not guilty pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss. Two released on bond, 7/25/61.

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**DETAILS:**

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. By communication dated July 12, 1961, Los Angeles Office advised that a group of Freedom Riders departed Los Angeles, July 12, 1961, via Greyhound Bus, en route to Jackson, Mississippi.

On July 15, 1961, [REDACTED]  
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that twelve Freedom Riders would leave New Orleans, Louisiana, at 12:45 PM, July 15, 1961, en route Jackson, Mississippi.

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Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 15, 1961, by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department,  
Jackson, Mississippi;

Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office,  
Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] Greyhound Bus Terminal,  
Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] MHSP, Jackson,  
Mississippi.

Date 7/20/61

The following observations were made at the Greyhound Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 15, 1961:

At 6:49 PM, Greyhound Bus #4442 arrived at the terminal and the passengers on board began to leave the bus. Among the passengers was a group of twelve individuals who separated themselves from the others; this group was composed of five male Negroes, four white males and three white females. These twelve entered the terminal white waiting room in a group and proceeded toward the seating area. Some were observed to take seats immediately and the others remained standing immediately nearby. A number of Jackson Police Officers, other passengers, and members of the press were also in this area of the terminal, thus making close observation difficult.

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Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, approached this group of twelve passengers and ordered them twice to move from the waiting room. He also asked if his orders had been heard. [redacted] then informed the members of the group they were under arrest and several uniformed police officers were then observed to question various individuals in the group. Also, at this time, two plain-clothes police officers were observed to separate a white male, who had been sitting in the area, from this area and begin to question him near the wall at the far side of the room. Subsequent inquiry of one of the uniformed officers revealed that this white male and one of the Negroes had possibly been involved in a slight scuffle in which the Negro had been shoved.

At 6:54 PM, these twelve individuals were escorted in a group from the terminal by uniformed officers and were observed to enter a patrol wagon parked in front of the terminal. With the exception of the possible shoving incident, no other unusual activity occurred during the arrest and no force, handcuffs or other restraining device was observed to be used or to have been necessary.

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On 7/15/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-340  
by SA [redacted] /eah Date dictated 7/16/61

7/20/61

Date

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At 6:33 PM, SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, observed the white waiting room of the Greyhound Bus Station in Jackson, Mississippi. At this time, there were two uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department on the loading platform of the station together with a uniformed Captain of the Department. Four detectives were also observed on this platform. Seven uniformed officers and Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department, were in the white waiting room of the station. Several reporters, both newspaper and television, were noted, including [redacted] of The Clarion-Ledger; [redacted] Associated Press, and [redacted] WJTV Television Station.

At 6:49 PM, Greyhound Bus #4442 arrived from New Orleans, Louisiana, and upon the unloading of the passengers a group of white and Negro males and white females entered the white waiting room and some sat down and others grouped around them.

Captain [redacted] was noted speaking to the group several times and then he was heard to place them under arrest. This took place at 6:54 PM. At about this time, one of the Negro males appeared to move backwards from a row of seats, the end seat being occupied by a white male who was nearest to the Negro male. The Negro male then approached the seat next to the white male and sat down. At this time, uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department approached the Negro male and were seen to talk to him a short distance away from where he had been sitting. At the same time, two plain-clothes officers were observed talking to the white male after he had accompanied them to a position away from where he had been sitting.

The white male then accompanied the officers questioning him to a police car and entered, after which the car departed.

At about the same time four white males, three white females and five Negro males, including the Negro male mentioned above, were loaded into the "paddy wagon" of the Jackson Police Department, after which the wagon departed.

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On 7/15/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-340  
by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II/eah Date dictated 7/15/61

Date 7/20/61

Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that shortly after the arrival of the Greyhound Bus from New Orleans at approximately 6:45 PM, on July 15, 1961, as the group of riders was gathered in the white waiting room, one of the Negro riders, [redacted] was shoved by a white man, [redacted] who was sitting in the station reading a magazine and apparently paying no attention to the proceedings up to that point. PIERCE said that Detectives [redacted] [redacted] questioned [redacted] about the incident and [redacted] told them that [redacted] had stomped on his foot as he was taking a seat next to [redacted]

Chief PIERCE said that [redacted] brought [redacted] to police headquarters, where he was interviewed about the matter and made out a report on the matter. Chief PIERCE said that [redacted] whom he thought was a teacher from Blytheville or some other city in Arkansas, had signed an affidavit against [redacted] charging him with assault. He said that he did not know when the assault case against [redacted] would be heard.

Chief PIERCE furnished the report of Detectives [redacted] in connection with the above incident and stated that it was unfortunate that even such a minor incident had taken place as he and his department were making every effort to prevent anything of this nature. The report of Detectives [redacted] as taken from the records of the Jackson Police Department is set out following:

"Name of Complainant: [redacted]

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"Offense as Reported Assault (Simple)

"Report Received On view 6:50 PM 7/15/61 by [redacted]

"This date while assigned to duty at the Greyhound Bus Station a group of 'Freedom Riders' got off a bus that

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On 7/15/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-340

by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II/eah Date dictated 7/17/61

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"arrived at 6:45 PM. This group walked into the Bus Station white waiting room and proceeded to take seats. There was a fairly large crowd of other people in this waiting room. Including a [redacted]

[redacted] was sitting in a seat by himself off to the corner of the waiting room. He was engaged in reading some kind of literature and was not paying any attention to the proceedings. While he was doing this someone stepped on his foot which caused him to withdraw his leg from its normal position and he saw that a negro man who was later identified as being [redacted] had stepped on his foot.

[redacted] made the usual motions of a person in pain and shoved him forceably off of his foot. We were at the scene and [redacted] stated to us that he had stomped his foot and that he had to shove him off of it.

"With this ~~complaint~~ made by [redacted] we told him that he would have to sign an affidavt if he wanted him prosecuted and he wanted to do this. He was brought to this office where he signed an affidavt against [redacted] for Assault.

"ARRESTED [redacted]

"ADDRESS Los Angeles, California

"CHARGE Assault on [redacted]

[redacted] can be reached during the day at the Miss. College through the Personal Office. He is taking Grad. work in Guidance Instruction there.

"/s/ [redacted]

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the Freedom Riders arrested:

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Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] Los Angeles,  
California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the Peace  
Race: [redacted] *Miss.*  
Sex: [redacted]  
Age: [redacted]  
Birth data: [redacted] Illinois  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]  
Hair: [redacted]  
Complexion: [redacted]  
Build: [redacted]  
Occupation: [redacted]  
  
Marital status: [redacted]  
Father: [redacted]  
  
Mother: [redacted]  
  
Education: Master's Degree, University of  
Arizona  
Comments: Member NAACP

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Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] Los Angeles,  
California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the Peace  
Race: [redacted] *Miss.*  
Sex: [redacted]  
Age: [redacted]  
Birth data: [redacted] Arkansas  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]

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Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:

[Redacted]

Prior arrests:

Arrested PD, Los Angeles, California,  
[Redacted] released after  
two hours

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Birth data:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Comments:

[Redacted]

Spokane, Washington

7/15/61

Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

Washington

*Calif  
Miss*

[Redacted]

High School

Refused to state if member NAACP,  
CORE or CP, USA

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Van Nuys, Calif.  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Birth data: [REDACTED] Pa. Miss.  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: [REDACTED]  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: Sophomore at University of California,  
Berkeley, California  
Prior arrests: Admits picketing Woolworth's in  
Berkeley, Calif., Van Nuys and  
Hollywood, Calif., in 1960 & 1961

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Birth data: [REDACTED] Illinois  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]

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Occupation: [REDACTED]  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: High School at Feithans High School  
Springfield, Illinois  
Prior arrests: Admits no other arrests

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Hollywood 28, Calif.  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61

Charge: Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education: Declined to furnish this information

Prior arrests: Refused to say if previously contacted

Comments: Refused to say if member CORE, NAACP or CP, USA

*Miss.*

California

California

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Reseda, California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Birth data: [REDACTED] N. Y. *MISS.*  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: [REDACTED]  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: 1 yr. Pierce College, Woodland Hills, California  
Prior arrests: Arrested PD. Van Nuys, California, charged [REDACTED] released to parents

\* \* \*  
Name: ROSE/SCHORR ROSENBERG  
Jackson PD: 21183  
Residence: 2433 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Age: 55  
Birth data: 9/10/05, Bushjahaza, Hungary  
Height: 5'  
Weight: 120 *MISS.*

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Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black (greying) or brownish  
Complexion: Fair (tan)  
Build: Medium  
Occupation: Attorney at law  
Marital status: Married  
Father: PAUL SCHORR (deceased)  
Mother: JULIA SCHORR (deceased)  
Education: Declined to furnish this information  
Comments: Refused to say if member of NAACP,  
CORE or CP, USA, without consulting  
a lawyer

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Los Angeles,  
California

Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the Peace

Sex: & race:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

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MISS.

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Education: 11th grade. now going to [redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles,  
California

Prior arrests: PD, Los Angeles, for [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] arrested PD, Los Angeles,  
[redacted] released  
to parents

Comments: Came with CORE because he wanted to  
see the south [redacted]

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Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] New Orleans, La.  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the peace  
Race: [redacted]  
Sex: [redacted]  
Age: [redacted]  
Birth data: [redacted]  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]  
Hair: [redacted]  
Complexion: [redacted]  
Build: [redacted]  
Occupation: [redacted]

La.

*Calif.  
MISS.*

Student, Southern University,  
New Orleans, La.

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education: One semester, Southern University,  
New Orleans, La.

Comments: Member of CORE; admits picketing  
in New Orleans, La., 1961

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Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] Los Angeles 3,  
California  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the Peace  
Race: [redacted]  
Sex: [redacted]  
Age: [redacted]  
Birth data: [redacted] Ohio  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]  
Hair: [redacted]  
Complexion: [redacted]  
Build: [redacted]  
Occupation: Associate minister, [redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles,  
California  
Marital status: [redacted]  
Father: [redacted]  
Mother: [redacted]  
Education: 2 yrs. College, Reeds College of  
Religion, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Comments: Member NAACP & CORE

*M. S.*

\* \* \*

Name: [redacted]  
Jackson PD #: [redacted]  
Residence: [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.  
Date of arrest: 7/15/61  
Charge: Breach of the peace  
Race: [redacted]  
Sex: [redacted]  
Age: [redacted]  
Birth data: [redacted] Illinois  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]

*M. S.*

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Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:



Student



Education: High School, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Comments: Admits picketing in Los Angeles, 1960

7/21/61

Date

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 17, 1961:



ROSE SCHORR ROSENBERG



PIERCE stated all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

PIERCE also advised that on the same date, immediately following the above trial, Freedom Rider [redacted] was tried on an assault charge stemming from the affidavit signed by [redacted] had been acquitted on the assault charge.

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On 7/17/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-340  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/17/61

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On July 17, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all the Freedom Riders arrested at the Greyhound Terminal, Jackson, 7:00 PM, July 15, 1961, except [redacted] were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 19, 1961.

On July 25, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that [redacted] was transferred from the Jackson City Jail to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 25, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that the following were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on the night of July 25, 1961:

[redacted]  
ROSE SCHORR ROSENBERG

[redacted] said it was his understanding that these two individuals intended to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana, and he was of the opinion they would probably remain there until August 14, 1961, which is the date they must return to Jackson for trial in Hinds County Court.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/18/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/24 - 27/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Delta Airlines Flight #411 Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 24, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

**FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS**

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## LEADS

By airtel dated 7/25/61, the Mobile, Jacksonville and San Francisco Offices were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders mentioned in this report, and furnish results of investigation to Bureau.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report final disposition of Freedom Riders presently out on cash appeal bonds.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: 8/18/61

Field Office File No.: 157-355 Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Delta Airlines Flight #411  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,  
Mississippi  
July 24, 1961b6  
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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

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Four Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Delta Airlines Flight 411 at 3:24 PM, 7/24/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Jackson Municipal Airport Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court 7/26/61 and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code, with exception of one, who was convicted of violation of S. 2089.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All released on bond on 7/27/61, returnable Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 24, 1961. Captain [redacted] telephonically advised that he had received information from a newspaper reporter at Jackson that a group of Freedom Riders had left Montgomery, Alabama, at 1:48 PM, July 24, 1961, via Delta Airlines,

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and would arrive at Jackson at 3:20 PM. According to Captain [ ] there would be three white males, two Negro males and a Negro female in the group.

Date AUG 27 1961

The following observations were made at the Jackson Municipal Airport Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 24, 1961:

At 3:24 PM, Delta Airlines Flight #411 from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the Jackson Municipal Airport Terminal. A group of six individuals consisting of three white males, two Negro males and one Negro female got off the plane and entered the airport terminal waiting room. They walked to the Delta Ticket Counter and then turned away from the counter. At this point, Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, went up to them and spoke to them. He then walked away from the group and all in the group went outside the terminal and stood near the main entrance to the terminal. It was apparent they were waiting for their baggage. After approximately five minutes, the baggage was delivered to the front entrance of the terminal. Various members in this group claimed their baggage. After picking up their baggage, one white male, one Negro female, and one Negro male walked back inside the terminal. Captain [redacted] approached them and spoke to them. Shortly thereafter, the white male, the Negro female and the Negro male were escorted from the terminal waiting room and were placed in a police department patrol wagon which was parked outside the main entrance.

At 3:32 PM, the oldest Negro male who had been with the original group of six walked into the terminal and Captain [redacted] was observed to speak to him. After speaking to him briefly, Captain [redacted] escorted the Negro male to a waiting police patrol car.

At 3:35 PM, two white teenage boys who had been with the original group of six were observed leaving the terminal in a taxi.

There were no incidents in connection with the above reported matter.

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On 7/24/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-355

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/24/61

7/27/61

Date

Captain [ ] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that he arrested the individuals whose names are set out below at the Jackson Municipal Airport Terminal at 3:20 PM, on July 24, 1961. [ ] advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived in Jackson by air from Montgomery, Alabama. All arrested had entered the waiting room of the terminal at various times and were ordered by him to move on. When they failed to obey his orders, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the City Jail where they were booked.

[ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests:

[ ] furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:	[ ]
Jackson PD #:	[ ]
Residence:	[ ] Montgomery, Ala.
Date of arrest:	7/24/61
Charge:	Breach of Peace
Race:	[ ]
Sex:	[ ]
Age:	[ ]
Date of birth:	[ ]
Place of birth:	[ ] Fla.
Height:	[ ]
Weight:	[ ]
Eyes:	[ ]
Hair:	[ ]
Complexion:	[ ]
Build:	[ ]
Occupation:	Student, Booker Washington High School, Pensacola, Fla.
Marital status:	[ ]

MISS.

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On 7/24/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-355

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/24/61

NO 157-355

Father:

Mother:

Education: High school

Prior arrests: Pensacola, Fla., PD, 1960, violation  
[redacted] released to Juvenile Court

Comments: Admits sit-in, Pensacola, no date

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Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence: [redacted] Montgomery, Ala.

Date of arrest: 7/24/61

Charge: Breach of the peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth: Alabama

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation: Student, Florida A & M College

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education: 3 yrs. college

Comments: Admits sit-in, Tallahassee, Fla.  
(no date), member NAACP

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Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence: [redacted] Montgomery, Ala.

Date of arrest: 7/24/61

Charge: Breach of the peace

BORN

NO 157-355

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth: Alabama  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation: Minister, [redacted]  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:

Education: 4 yrs. college, Alabama State,  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Admits: Prayer Pilgrimage, Montgomery,  
1959; member Montgomery  
Improvement Assn., Montgomery,  
Ala.

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Name: CECIL A. THOMAS  
Jackson PD #: 21243  
Residence: 962 Ordway St., Albany, California  
Date of arrest: 7/24/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Age: 44  
Date of birth: 6/14/17  
Place of birth: Frankfort, Ohio  
Height: 5'11"  
Weight: 225  
Eyes: Blue  
Hair: Grey

MISS  
Ala.

NO 157-355

Complexion:

Fair

Build:

Stout

Occupation:

Secretary, YLCA, Berkeley, Calif.

Father:

REVILLOW THOMAS (deceased)

Mother:

ETHEL THOMAS, Rt. 5, Washington

Court House, Ohio

Education:

4 yrs. college and 4 yrs. graduate  
at Cederville in Ohio, N. W.

Univ., Evanston, Ill., Ohio State

Univ., Columbus, Ohio, Fisk Univ.,

Nashville, Tenn.

Comments:

Admits sit-in in Columbus, Ohio, in  
1945-46; peace walk, San Francis-  
co, member NAACP, conscientious  
objector

Date 8/1/61b6  
b7C

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 26, 1961:



CECIL THOMAS

PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals with the exception of [redacted] were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. [redacted] was charged with violation of Section 2089.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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On 7/26/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-355

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/26/61

NO 157-355

On July 27, 1961, Deputy [REDACTED]  
Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi,  
advised that the following individuals were released  
on \$500 cash appeal bond on July 26, 1961:

[REDACTED]  
CECIL A. THOMAS

[REDACTED] advised that the above cash appeal  
bonds were returnable in Hinds County Court, August 14,  
1961.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: August 10, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

MISC.

Pages 14192-14193. Senator Thurmond, (D) South Carolina, spoke concerning the freedom riders. He stated "While it has been difficult for me to understand what could possibly be accomplished by the so-called freedom rides, it is becoming increasingly clear that to at least one important organization in the United States these rides have been an unqualified success. I refer to the Communist Party, U. S. A." Mr. Thurmond included an editorial from the Charleston (South Carolina) Evening Post of August 3, 1961, entitled "Communists and Freedom Riders." The editorial states "The President and his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, are reported to have cooled off some from their support of the rides. A thorough probe would reveal to them and to the Nation as a whole the truth about Red tactics on this front of the cold war."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for August 9, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/16/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-36911)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDES 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61  
RM; CR

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DATE 10-21-88 BY SP7 MAC/MB

Re New Orleans airtel dated 7/21/61, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] with two copies thereof designated for the New Orleans Office.

The source utilized in the letterhead memo regarding [redacted] receiving a copy of "China Reconstructs" is [redacted] California, who is protected by request.

The source used to document "China Reconstructs" is [redacted] California, (By Request).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

August 16, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61

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DATE 10-21-88 BY SP7mac/SP  
1-23-90 288,344 SP1AC/SP 241829

RE: [REDACTED]

On August 3, 1961, records of the San Francisco and Berkeley, California, Police Departments contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1961, records of the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, Oakland, California, reflected that [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] in April, 1959, were residing at [REDACTED] Berkeley, California, and had formerly resided at [REDACTED] Berkeley. [REDACTED] was then employed as [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, and had formerly been employed by [REDACTED] was employed as a teacher by the [REDACTED] Berkeley, California, and had formerly worked in 1958 as [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] Berkeley. The [REDACTED] owned property at [REDACTED] Berkeley, and have a satisfactory credit record.

By letter dated November 13, 1950, [REDACTED] American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, advised the Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, to the effect that he would not respond to any questions of a Government investigator concerning the loyalty of friends or acquaintances, their political activities, organizational affiliations, thoughts, or vocal expressions but would freely answer such questions under subpoena in open court.

On June 21, 1957, [REDACTED] California, furnished a handbill in which certain individuals including RUSSELL JORGENSEN expressed opposition to testing the H-bomb.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

157-387-961

In order to accomplish further distribution of this statement, it was requested that contributions be sent to [redacted] Berkeley.

In a letter to the Editor appearing in the "Oakland Tribune" newspaper of May 13, 1960, RUSSELL JORGENSEN, Berkeley, wrote that at a meeting of the Berkeley Friends on May 8, he had been instructed to write expressing deep concern with the mandate given the House Un-American Activities Committee (HCUA). JORGENSEN went on to write that the legacy of HCUA has been and is persecution, not the drafting of legislation.

A source advised on November 10, 1954, that [redacted] Berkeley, California, had received the September - October issue of "China Reconstructs." (See appendix page.)

On April 11, 1961, Mr. DON MULFORD, California State Assemblyman, 364 - 14th Street, Oakland, California, furnished a photostat of a letter dated March 21, 1961, addressed to Mr. MULFORD and written on the letterhead of [redacted] Berkeley, California. The text of the letter follows:

"We too cherish and uphold free Speech every where in the United States but with no exceptions. The campuses are part of the United States, you know.

"It is behavior such as yours which turns students away from the American ideals of freedom since you make a mockery of it by wanting to deny it where it's exercise has some risk. Risk there may be. However, you increase it by your short-sighted un-American views and utterances.

(Signed) [redacted]

"CHINA RECONSTRUCTS"

A source has advised that "China Reconstructs" is an English language magazine published in Peking, China, and is extremely pro-Chinese Communist.

APPENDIX PAGE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 16, 1961

Title        FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
             MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
             JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
             7/20/61

Character    RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference    San Francisco memorandum dated and  
             captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/16/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/22 - 25/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi July 23, 1961</b>  <b>@FREEDOM RIDERS MISC</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 7/23/61.

New Orleans airtel to San Francisco, 7/24/61. (Interoffice)

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## LEADS

By airtel dated 7/24/61, the New York and San Francisco Offices were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders named in this report and furnish results of investigation to the Bureau.

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LEADS (cont'd)

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/16/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-354

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 23, 1961Limited Classification  
Review Conducted  
See Top Serial  
Form 4-774

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Seven Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 AM, 7/23/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/24/61, and, after NG pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/25/61.

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NO 157-354/mjw

DETAILS:

This investigation was instituted upon receipt of information received from [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, Louisiana, who telephonically advised SA [redacted] on July 22, 1961, that he had received information that seven (7) Freedom Riders would arrive at New Orleans, Louisiana, via National Airlines at 4:15 PM on July 22, 1961. He stated that he had no further information, but that upon their arrival they would go to the New Zion Baptist Church, 2319 Third Street and that he would be in attendance.

At 7:20 PM on July 22, 1961, following the receipt of information from [redacted] regarding the identities of the Freedom Riders and their plans, Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Division, New Orleans Police Department, was advised of the information regarding the Freedom Riders.

Date 7/27/61

At 4:30 PM on July 22, 1961, National Airlines Flight 228 arrived at Moisant International Airport from San Francisco, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada. Observed to depart from this plane were five (5) white males and two (2) white females who were greeted on arrival by [redacted] and another individual, both colored males. The individuals departing from the plane did not have any luggage other than small handbags. They were observed to leave the terminal building with [redacted] [redacted] and the other individual and go to the parking lot of the airport.

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On 7/22/61 at KENNER, LOUISIANA File # NO 157-354  
by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS/mjw Date dictated 7/27/61

Date 7/27/61

At 7:15 PM on July 22, 1961, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CORE, telephonically advised that  
the following are the identities of the Freedom Riders who  
had arrived at New Orleans by National Airlines at 4:15 PM  
that date:

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is the leader of  
the group and that all persons are from the San Francisco Bay  
area. He stated that the Freedom Riders would depart on the  
Illinois Central Railroad Train the "City of New Orleans" at  
7:10 AM, July 23, 1961, for Jackson, Mississippi. He stated  
there would be no tests enroute.

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On 7/22/61 at NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA File # NO 157-31  
by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS/mjw Date dictated 7/27/61

NO 157-354

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 22, 1961:

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] Special Agent, Illinois Central Railroad.

Efforts were made to locate [REDACTED] CIC Resident Agent, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 22 & 23, 1961, to advise him of the above matter with negative results.

Date 7/27/61

At 6:40 AM on July 23, 1961, five (5) white males and two (2) white females were observed in the lobby of the Union Passenger Terminal talking to [redacted] of CORE and Sergeant [redacted] of the New Orleans Police Department.

At 6:50 AM the group boarded Car Number 2615, which was the third car from the end of the Illinois Central Railroad Train "City of New Orleans." The train departed from the Union Passenger Terminal at 7:10 AM.

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On 7/23/61 at NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA File # NO 157-354  
by SA [redacted] mjl Date dictated 7/27/61

Date 7/27/61

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 23, 1961:

Following the arrival of Illinois Central Railroad Train "The City of New Orleans" at approximately 10:10 AM, a group of passengers consisting of two white females and five white males, all unidentified, was observed to descend from the unloading platform via Stairway #1, at which time they walked directly into the colored waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot. The two white females and three of the above five white males seated themselves in the colored waiting room. The remaining two white males stood near those that were seated.

At approximately 10:12 AM, Captain [ ] and two unidentified uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department approached the above five individuals at which time Captain [ ] ordered them to move on. When they did not reply, he again ordered them to move on. The seven individuals made no effort to move or to reply and Captain [ ] asked them if they had heard his order. They still did not reply and he informed them they were under arrest. These seven individuals, accompanied by Captain [ ] and the above two uniformed officers, then left the Illinois Central Railroad Depot en route to the Jackson Police Department.

No incidents of any kind occurred during this arrest.

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On 7/23/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-354  
by SA [ ] eah Date dictated 7/23/61

7/27/61

Date

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 23, 1961:

At 10:10 AM, ICRR Train "The City of New Orleans" arrived at the station. A group of five white males and two white females got off the train and walked down the stairs from the track to the main depot. All entered the colored waiting room. All took seats in the colored waiting room. Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, walked up to the group and was heard to say, "You will have to move on." None in the group responded to his order and none moved. Captain [redacted] repeated his order. There was no response from the group and none moved. At this point, Captain [redacted] said, "You are all under arrest." Uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department who were standing by were observed to speak to the individual members of the group and the officers were observed making notes at the time. Within a very short time, all members of the group got up and followed Captain [redacted] from the colored waiting room to a police patrol wagon which was parked outside the depot.

There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/23/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-354

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/23/61

Date 7/27/61

Captain [ ] Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at 10:15 AM, on July 23, 1961, by Captain [ ] Police Department. [ ] advised that this was a group of Freedom Riders who had arrived at Jackson by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. They had entered the colored waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by Captain [ ]. When they failed to obey the orders of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the Jackson City Jail, where they were booked. [ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

[ ] furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

*Miss*

Name: [ ]  
Jackson PD #: [ ]  
Residence: [ ] San Francisco, California  
Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [ ]  
Sex: [ ]  
Age: [ ]  
Date of birth: [ ]  
Place of birth: [ ] Pa.  
Height: [ ]  
Weight: [ ]  
Eyes: [ ]  
Hair: [ ]  
Complexion: [ ]  
Build: [ ]  
Occupation: Unemployed  
Marital status: [ ]  
Father: [ ]  
Mother: [ ]

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On 7/23/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-354

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/23/61

NO 157-354

Education: Refused to answer  
Prior arrests: None  
Comments: Refused to answer whether member CP,  
NAACP, CORE

\* \* \*

Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] N. Y., N. Y.  
Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: [REDACTED] Pa. *MISS*  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Student, City College of New York  
Marital status: Separated  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: 3 1/2 yrs. college  
Comments: Picketing NYC refused to say whether  
a member of CP or not

\* \* \*

Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED] Larkspur, California  
Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED] *BORN* [REDACTED]  
*MISS* [REDACTED] *CALIF*

NO 157-354

Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Occupation:

California

Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:

Education:

3 mos. college, Long Beach College,  
Long Beach, California

Prior arrests:

None admitted

Comments:

Refused to say if she is a member  
of the CP or of CORE

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Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

San Francisco, Calif.

Date of arrest: 7/23/61

Charge:

Breach of the peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

~~Date of birth:~~

~~Place of birth:~~

Pa.

~~Height:~~

~~Weight:~~

~~Eyes:~~

~~Hair:~~

~~Complexion:~~

~~Build:~~

NO 157-354

Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:  
Education:

2 yrs. Penn State University,  
University Park, Pa.  
4 yrs. University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

California

San Jose,

Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charges: Breach of the peace

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

California

Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:

Occupation:

Student, San Jose State College,  
San Jose, California

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

2 yrs. San Jose State College

None admitted

Comments:

Passed out pamphlets in San Francisco,  
Calif. Refused to say if he is  
member of Communist Party, NAACP,

NO 157-354

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Calif. City,

California

Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charge: Breach of the peace

Race:  
Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Student, San Francisco State  
College, San Francisco, Calif.

Marital status:  
Father:

[Redacted]

Mother:

Education:

3 yrs, college, San Francisco State  
College

Prior arrests: None admitted

Scars & marks:

[Redacted]

Comments:

None admitted.

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

San Francisco,

California

Date of arrest: 7/23/61  
Charge: Breach of the peace

Race:

Sex:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

BORN  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

NO 157-354

Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: San Francisco, California  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Unemployed. Former teacher. [REDACTED]  
  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
  
Education: 3 yrs. college, California College  
of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, Calif.  
Prior arrests: None admitted  
Comments: [REDACTED] Is member of  
CORE. Refused to say if he is  
member of Communist Party or of  
NAACP.

7/28/61

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Captain [ ] Detective Bureau,  
Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that  
the following individuals were tried in Jackson  
Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 24, 1961:


[ ]  
[ ] stated that all of the above in-  
dividuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5,  
Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through  
their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced  
to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to [ ]  
some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds  
County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and  
some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the  
Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.


[ ] advised there were no incidents during  
the course of the above trial.

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On 7/24/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-354  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/24/61

NO 157-354

On July 25, 1961, Deputy   
Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi,  
advised that the following individuals were transferred  
from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi  
State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 25, 1961:



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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/16/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/9 - 25/61</b>
FILE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Terminal Jackson, Mississippi, July 9, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
<i>Freedom Riders - Misc.</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	
		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW	

## REFERENCES

New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 7/10/61.

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## LEADS

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for New Orleans in event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished USA, Jackson.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
Copies made: <b>4 - BUREAU</b> <b>3 - NEW ORLEANS (157-334)</b>		<b>44-17831-71</b>	<b>EX-105</b>
<i>Form 1-2817 to B.I.D. 8-3-61 H.E.C.</i>		<b>AUG 21 1961</b>	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/16/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-334

Bureau File No.:

Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 9, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

11 Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, entered Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss., at 11:43 PM, 7/9/61. All arrested by Jackson PD when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. 8 tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Were sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. 3 juveniles in group charged as juvenile delinquents in Hinds County Youth Court and placed on one-year probation, 7/19/61. 4 Freedom Riders in group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61. 4 Freedom Rider prisoners remained Hinds County Jail, Jackson. 2 released on \$500 cash appeal bond 7/24/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from [redacted] Jackson Non-Violent Movement, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961. She telephonically advised at 11:20 PM that a group of approximately fourteen Negroes was then en route to the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, and would enter the white waiting room.

On July 9, 1961, the above information was telephonically furnished to Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi.

7/13/61

Date

The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961:

At 11:48 PM, a group of seven Negro males and four Negro females entered the main entrance of the white waiting room walking in single file. All walked up to the ticket counter. Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, approached the group and told them twice, "You will have to move on." None in the group responded and none moved. He then told the group that they were under arrest. They were escorted from the white waiting room to the police patrol wagon parked outside the building.

There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/9/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-334  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/9/61

Date 7/14/61

Chief of Detectives H. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are listed below were arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, at 11:45 PM, July 9, 1961. He said the group had entered the white waiting room and had approached the ticket counter. Captain [redacted] had ordered the group to move on and when they refused to do so he placed them under arrest. PIERCE stated there were no incidents in connection with the arrests.

Chief PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:	[redacted]	Jackson,
Jackson PD #:		
Residence:	[redacted]	Mississippi
Date of arrest:	7/9/61	
Charge:	Breach of Peace	
Race:	[redacted]	
Sex:	[redacted]	
Age:	[redacted]	
Date of birth:	[redacted]	Mississippi
Place of birth:	[redacted]	
Height:	[redacted]	
Weight:	[redacted]	
Eyes:	[redacted]	
Hair:	[redacted]	
Complexion:	[redacted]	
Build:	[redacted]	
Occupation:	Student, high school	
Marital status:	[redacted]	
Father:	[redacted]	
Mother:	[redacted]	
Education:	9th grade - Rowan High School	

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On 7/10/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-334  
by SA HUNTER E. NELSON/cab Date dictated 7/10/61

NO 157-334

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Jackson,

Mississippi  
7/9/61  
Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

Mississippi

[Redacted]

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

10th grade - Lanier High School

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] JACKSON,

Mississippi  
7/9/61  
Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

Alabama

FD 157-334

Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:



Student, high school



11th grade - Lanier High School

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Jackson,

Mississippi

Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/9/61

Breach of peace

Race:  
Sex:



Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:

Mississippi

Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:

Complexion:  
Build:

Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Student, high school



High School - Lanier High School

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Mississippi

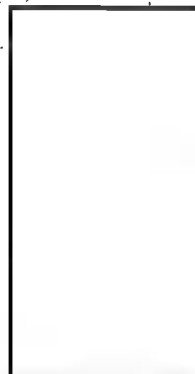
Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/9/61

Breach of Peace

NO 157-334

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:



Mississippi

Student, high school



9th grade - Rowan High School

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
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Education:

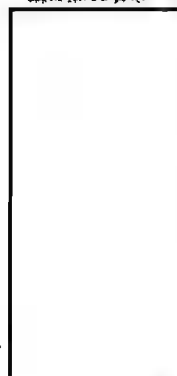


Jackson,

Mississippi

7/9/61

Breach of Peace



Mississippi

Student, high school



9th grade - Rowan High School

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NO 157-334

Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: Jackson, Mississippi  
Date of arrest: 7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: Mississippi  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Student, high school  
Marital status: [REDACTED]  
Father: [REDACTED]  
Mother: [REDACTED]  
Education: 11th grade - [REDACTED] High School,  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]  
Residence: Mississippi  
Date of arrest: 7/9/61  
Charge: Breach of peace  
Race: [REDACTED]  
Sex: [REDACTED]  
Age: [REDACTED]  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of birth: Mississippi  
Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]  
Build: [REDACTED]

NO 157-334

Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Student, high school

10th grade - Lanier High School

Name:  
Jackson PD #:   
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

7/9/61

Breach of peace

Student, high school

9th grade - Dunner Hill,  
Clinton, Mississippi

Name:  
Jackson PD #:   
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/9/61

Breach of peace

Jackson,

Mississippi

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Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Mississippi

Jackson,

Mississippi

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

Rowan High School

Jackson PD, 7/29/60, charge -

Fine \$100.00

& 120 days

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Jackson,

Mississippi

Date of arrest:

7/9/61

Charge:

Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Mississippi

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

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NO 127-334

Build:	[REDACTED]
Occupation:	Student, high school
Marital status:	[REDACTED]
Father:	[REDACTED]
Mother:	[REDACTED]
Education:	11th grade, Lanier High School

7/14/61  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961:



PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2037.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney, [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi. All were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to PIERCE, all of the defendants were transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, after conviction.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On 7/10/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-334  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGELSON/eah Date dictated 7/10/61

Date 7/14/61

[redacted] Hinds County Juvenile Officer, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were afforded a hearing in Hinds County Youth Court, July 19, 1961, on a petition of the Hinds County Juvenile Office alleging each of them to have committed a delinquent act, in that they failed to obey the orders of a Jackson Police Officer to move on, in connection with their participation in the Freedom Ride at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 9, 1961. He said the failure to obey the orders of the police was a violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. He said all were adjudged to be juvenile delinquents and all were placed on probation for a period of one year.

[redacted]

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On 7/19/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-324

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/19/61

NO 157-334

On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



Sheriff GILFOY stated that the following individuals would be maintained in custody at the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, and would not be transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary due to their age:



On July 25, 1961, [redacted] Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on July 24, 1961:



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## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (REG)

DATE: 8/21/61

F.L.P. FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
Municipal Airport Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi  
7/20/61  
RM; CRALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and two copies to New Orleans, captioned as above, concerning [redacted] who was arrested July 20, 1961 at the Municipal Airport Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

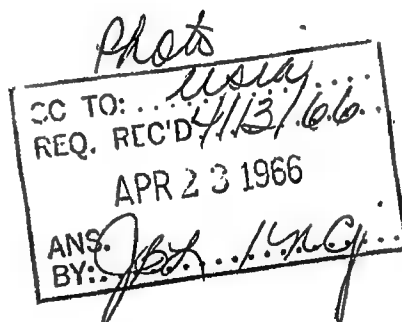
Records at the Berkeley, California Police Department were checked by IC [redacted] on 8/2/61.

Records of the San Francisco, California Police Department were searched by [redacted] and furnished to IC [redacted] on 8/3/61.

Records of the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, Oakland, California, were made available by [redacted] to IC [redacted] on 8/2/61 and contained no subversive information.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (REG)
  - 2 - New Orleans (Encls. 2) (REG)
  - 2 - San Francisco (100-24927  
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61

Source who has provided reliable information in the past advised that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Berkeley, California, and is employed as [redacted] University of California, Department of History, Berkeley, California

In the "Oakland Tribune", a daily newspaper of general circulation in Oakland, California, under date of May 26, 1960 in article captioned "66 at UC ask Probe of San Francisco Police", mention was made that 66 University of California faculty members requested an investigation of police handling of the May 13 riots at the San Francisco City Hall in connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings. They signed the letter sent to Attorney General STANLEY MOSK (California) for an impartial hearing stressing the request was made as individuals on behalf of the University of California. In their resolution they claimed that the San Francisco Police were technically incompetent in letting the disturbance grow to the extent it did in allowing it to become disorganized and by taking action by force before dealing with people to leave the building. Among one of the faculty members who signed the petition was CHARLES G. SELLERS, Jr.

A newspaper clipping from the "Daily Californian", a University of California student newspaper dated March 21, 1961, in an article captioned "12 Professors Co-Sign Petition to Ban HCUA", stated that 12 UC Professors were among the 250 signers of a petition demanding abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) released in New York by the American Civil Liberties Union.

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"The petition charges that the committee, 'has been unrelenting in its harrassing of teachers' and 'it has created fearfulness within the academic world and perhaps even more dangerous, public distrust of teachers and the institutions in which they serve'.

The educators acknowledge that the committee 'has improved its manners in conducting hearings.'; but charge 'it continues to be careless or unscrupulous in villifying its critics.'

Among the University of California Professors signing the petition was CHARLES G. SELLERS, JR.

No arrest record was found for [REDACTED] at the Berkeley, California Police Department or at the San Francisco, California Police Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (REG)

DATE: 8/22/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61  
RM; CR

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau with two copies to New Orleans concerning [redacted] who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, Municipal Airport Terminal on 7/20/61.

The first source mentioned as supply background data is [redacted]

The other source mentioned is [redacted]

Records of the San Francisco, California Police Department, were checked by Officer [redacted] and provided to IC [redacted] on August 3, 1961.

- ENCLOSURE
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  - 2 - New Orleans (Encls.-2) (REG)
  - 2 - San Francisco (100-24927)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Francisco, California  
August 22, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61

[redacted] resides at [redacted] San  
Francisco, California, and is a minister of the [redacted]  
[redacted] San Francisco, California.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the  
past furnished the following background information on [redacted]

Residence:

[redacted] San Francisco

Former Residences:

[redacted] Conn.

[redacted] Calif.

[redacted]  
California

[redacted]  
Calif.

[redacted] California

Former Employ-  
ment:

[redacted] California

Wife:

Mother:

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Education:

Stanford University

The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice in a leaflet announced a "Walk for the Human Race! - To End the Arms Race" on January 16, 1960. This leaflet informed that the participants would walk to the offices of the French Consulate to protest the Sahara Bombing tests. One of the scheduled speakers at this affair was the Rev. FRANCES GEDDES.

[redacted] was listed as a member of the [redacted] fund raising organization known as the Bay Area Students Legal Aid Fund, Post Office Box 5507, San Francisco, California to assist in raising funds to aid in defense of a student arrested in the riots accompanying the May 13, 1960 House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings held in San Francisco, California.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available records showing that the "San Francisco Examiner" and the "San Francisco Chronicle", daily newspapers of general circulation in the San Francisco area, both set forth a signed statement against nuclear bomb tests on April 5, 1958. Among those names signed was Rev. FRANCIS GEDDES of the Church of the Fellowship of All People, 2041 Larkin Street. This source also advised that on November 16, 1958, a signed petition appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle" of the citizens group for inter-cultural development of Quemoy and Matsu Islands, which were sent to the United Nations asking it to take a poll of the above islands for use as an Asian educational and cultural centers.

The source also advised that GEDDES' name was on a circular that announced a House Committee on Un-American Activities Seminar under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, which was to be held in San Francisco on March 11, 1961. No arrest record was found for [redacted] at the San Francisco Police Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/21/61

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61  
RM; CR

Re New Orleans airtel dated 7/21/61 captioned above.

Enclosed are eight copies to the Bureau and two copies to New Orleans of letterhead memorandum on [redacted] who was one of eight freedom riders arrested on 7/20/61 by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department.

The records at the Berkeley, California Police Department and the Berkeley Credit Bureau were checked by IC [redacted]

Records of the University of California, Berkeley, California, were furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

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Agency San Francisco & CRD  
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  - 2 - San Francisco (8 Enc.) (RM)
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 20, 1961

The records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department reflect [redacted] was one of eight freedom riders arrested on July 20, 1961. [redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted] Illinois, is a [redacted] male, American [redacted] pounds, [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes and is employed by the University of California, Berkeley, California, as [redacted] [redacted] resides at [redacted] Berkeley, California.

The Berkeley, California Police Department has no record of [redacted]

The Berkeley, California Credit Bureau has no record of [redacted]

Sources in the San Francisco, California area have no information concerning [redacted]

Records, University of California, Berkeley, California, reflect [redacted] was employed to teach a University Extension course on November 4, 1959 in the Department of [redacted] His address was listed as [redacted] San Francisco, California, date of birth [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois. On December 1, 1960 his address was changed to [redacted] Berkeley, California. As of September 1, 1960 he became [redacted] This employment was to terminate on August 31, 1963. He was a lecturer at the University of California during the Summer Session for the period June 19, 1961 to July 26, 1961.

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# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

**DATE:**

8/17/61

FROM

SAC, BALTIMORE (157-330)

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**SUBJECT:**

FREEDOM RIDER 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961  
RM; CR  
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Rerep SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 7/26/61, New Orleans

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies for the Bureau and one copy for New Orleans of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum, this date, at Baltimore.

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi was contacted on 6/26/61 by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

Records of the Montgomery County Police Department, Rockville, Maryland were checked on 8/4/61 by SA [redacted] [redacted] Records of the Washington, D.C. Credit Bureau, Inc., were reviewed on 8/8/61 by IC [redacted] (WFO).

Baltimore indices contain no information identifiable with [redacted] *du*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

August 18, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi advised on June 5, 1961 that 20 freedom riders were arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at 10:15 am, June 25, 1961. He said that the entire group had walked into the white waiting room and had refused to obey the orders of Captain [redacted] to move on. Captain [redacted] was the arresting officer and the entire group was charged with Breach of the Peace. There were no incidents in connection with the arrest according to Chief PIERCE.

Chief PIERCE identified the following as one of the persons arrested:

Name:

Race:

Sex:

Date of Birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Marital Status:

Residence:

Occupation:

Mother:

N.Y.

Maryland

Sales and clerical work

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The 1960 Polk Directory for [redacted] Maryland reflects that [redacted] who resides on [redacted] is employed as a Saleswoman at [redacted]  
[redacted]

Records of the Montgomery County Police Department Rockville, Maryland reviewed on 8/4/61 contain no information identifiable with [redacted] The records reflected that [redacted]

[redacted] Maryland was charged on 3/29/60 with [redacted]  
[redacted] She forfeited \$151.45 collateral on this charge. On 4/19/60 she was charged with [redacted] She was described as [redacted] female [redacted] lbs., and born on [redacted]

Records of the Washington, D.C. Credit Bureau, Inc. reviewed on 8/8/61 contained no information identifiable with [redacted] The Washington, D.C. Credit Bureau, Inc. covers [redacted] Maryland.

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Date: 8/22/61

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

SUBJECT: "FREEBUS" FREEDOM RIDERS  
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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau, 8/3/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8)  
copies of letterhead memorandum captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP) suitable for dissemination.

Information pertaining to filing of appeal contained  
in this memorandum was furnished on 8/17/61 by [redacted]  
[redacted] Clerk of the Circuit Court, Marion County Courthouse,  
Ocala, Florida.

On 8/17/61 Assistant State Attorney OWEN McGOVERN,  
5th Judicial District in and for Marion County, Florida,  
Ocala, advised his office has received no information from  
the Clerk's Office concerning the date set for the hearing  
on the appeal.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau  
will be advised of the disposition of the cases pending in  
Ocala, Florida.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Jacksonville, Florida  
August 22, 1961

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

On July 31, 1961 Freedom Riders [redacted]  
Albany, New York, and [redacted] New York City,  
through their attorney [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida,  
filed notice of appeal in Circuit Court, Marion County Court-  
house, Ocala, Florida. The actual appeal had to be filed by  
August 17, 1961. Both were sentenced July 17, 1961 on charge  
of "Unlawful Assembly" for which they were found guilty by  
six man jury in separate trials on July 7, 1961.

The actual appeal was filed in Circuit Court, Marion  
County, Courthouse, Ocala, Florida, on August 3, 1961. No  
date has yet been set for a hearing on the appeal before  
Circuit Judge D. R. Smith.

Both [redacted] are free on \$1,000.00 bonds  
each.

The above information has been discussed with [redacted]  
[redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida,  
on a continuing basis.

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

*Urgent* 8/26/61 415 PM  
TO, DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM, SAC, NEW ORLEANS -157-264 1 P

*Freedom Riders - misc.*  
FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF THREE P. M., AUG. TWENTY SIX.

NO FRs ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. TWENTY FIVE SUMMARY.

TOTAL ARRESTED TWO <sup>297</sup>HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM  
<sub>253</sub>  
MUNICIPAL COURT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE. PAID FINE FOUR.

RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE.

RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. RELEASED ON BOND FROM

COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED IN LIEU OF BOND FROM COUNTY COURT

ONE. NET IN CUSTODY THIRTY FOUR. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT

HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

FIRST LINES SHOULD READ

URGENT 8-26-61 4-15 PM CST NB

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U. S. GOVERNMENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

Date: 8/23/61

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

In connection with the Freedom Rider movement, particularly into Jackson, Mississippi, contacts have been maintained in Nashville, Tennessee, with various representatives of the Nashville Christian Leadership Council (NCLC) in Nashville, Tennessee, and in particular with individuals associated with the office operated by this group and the Student Central Committee (SCC) at 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee. In connection with these contacts, it has been observed that the Freedom Rider groups were frequently correlated and controlled from this particular office at 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee, and it was observed that much of the work done in organizing the Freedom Riders en route to Jackson, was done by method of long-distance telephone calls. There are two telephones at this particular office; however, the only one which is listed and the one which is billed is Telephone Number Chapel 2-6701.

On 7/25/61

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, whose name should be maintained in confidence, advised that [redacted] at this office for the [redacted]. She stated that [redacted].

She advised at that time

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2 - Charlotte	2 - Oklahoma City
2 - Chicago (157-81)	3 - Philadelphia
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Richmond (157-231)
2 - Cleveland	2 - Savannah (157-231) - CIA BUCHS
2 - Denver	2 - Springfield
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[REDACTED]  
- NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
TENN.

that [REDACTED] had not been completed for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She stated that [REDACTED] had been  
arranged for by [REDACTED] whom she under-  
stood to be the [REDACTED] of the NCLC.

TENN. NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
On 8/4/61 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] for the

She advised that this had been paid by check [REDACTED]  
drawn on the [REDACTED] Nashville,  
Tennessee (a Negro institution), and it was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This was  
for [REDACTED] located at 1905 Jefferson  
Street. [REDACTED] was signed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Finance Committee. She stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and it was [REDACTED] TENN.  
of the NCLC, Nashville, Tennessee.

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
[REDACTED] advised on 8/4/61 that she did not yet  
have [REDACTED]  
7/20/61.

NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
On 7/25/61 and 7/26/61 [REDACTED] made available the

5/20/61 and the [REDACTED] It was noted  
that there were many [REDACTED]  
however. [REDACTED] were not available for the  
[REDACTED] only the city was given. [REDACTED] emanating  
from Nashville, Tennessee, she was able to furnish [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and city as well as [REDACTED] or  
[REDACTED] were

obtained and are being set forth below:

#### LEADS

Each of the offices receiving copies of this letter  
is requested to identify the individual or organization to  
whom [REDACTED] in their respective  
divisions. When the identity of [REDACTED] is obtained,  
the office should search the name of [REDACTED] in the  
indices of the respective office and furnish any information  
to the Bureau which appears to be pertinent to the instant case  
and which might indicate some subversive affiliation on the  
part of [REDACTED] If no information is received from  
the office by the Bureau, it should be assumed that the office  
has no record [REDACTED]

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Set forth below by field divisions is the list  
obtained:

THE ALBANY DIVISION

City

Ithaca, New York

Date

6/15/61

THE ATLANTA DIVISION

City

Atlanta, Ga.

Date

5/4/61  
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5/25/61  
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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

City

Birmingham, Ala.

5/25/61

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Date

5/14/61

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5/15/61

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THE BUFFALO DIVISION

City

Williamsville, NY

Date

5/18/61

6/21/61

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

City

Charlotte, N.C.

Anderson, N.C.

Date

5/19/61

5/27/61

5/28/61

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

City

Chicago, Ill.

Date

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THE CINCINNATI DIVISION

City

Yellow Springs,  
Ohio

Date

6/6/61

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6/10/61

Columbus, Ohio

THE CLEVELAND DIVISION

City

Cleveland, Ohio

Date

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THE DENVER DIVISION

City  
Denver, Colo.

Date  
5/26/61

THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION

City  
Monteagle, Tenn.

Date  
5/30/61

Chattanooga, Tenn.

5/31/61

5/30/61

5/19/61

Oak Ridge, Tenn.

6/7/61

Shelbyville, Tenn.

5/22/61

Maryville, Tenn.

5/16/61

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

City  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date  
6/18/61

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THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION

City

Louisville, Ky.

Date

6/9/61

5/19/61

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

City

Memphis, Tenn.

Date

5/19/61

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Clarksville, Tenn.

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Lebanon, Tenn.

6/6/61

Gallatin, Tenn.

5/31/61

Somerville, Tenn.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

City

St. Paul, Minn.

Date

6/11/61

THE MOBILE DIVISION

City

Montgomery, Ala.

Date

5/17/61

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Troy, Ala.

THE NEWARK DIVISION

City

Date

Newark, N.J.

5/27/61

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

City

Date

New Orleans, La.

5/25/61

5/16/61

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Jackson, Miss.

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Jackson, Miss.  
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Baton Rouge, La.

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Shreveport, La.

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

City

Date

New York City

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Nyack, N.Y.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

City

Date

Tulsa, Okla.

5/28/61

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

City

Date

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Philadelphia, Pa.  
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Reading, Pa.

Bethlehem, Pa.

Swarthmore, Pa.

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6/20/61

THE RICHMOND DIVISION

City

Date

Richmond, Va.

6/6/61

Roanoke, Va.

5/26/61

5/26/61

Petersburg, Va.

5/25/61

THE SAVANNAH, DIVISION

City

Date

Charleston, S.C.

5/29/61

5/31/61

6/1/61

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

City

Date

E. St. Louis, Ill.

5/25/61

Champaign, Ill.

5/24/61

THE TAMPA DIVISION

City

Date

Orlando, Fla.

6/19/61

Sanford, Fla.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

City

Washington, D.C.

Date

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## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/22/61

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (157-632)

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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: New Orleans) *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC*

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston dated 7/31/61.

Enclosed are eight copies for the Bureau and two  
copies for New Orleans of a letterhead memorandum pertaining  
to the above captioned matter.

The credit inquiry reflected in the enclosed  
letterhead memorandum was conducted by IC [redacted]  
and the police inquiry was conducted by SA WALTER P. GAVIN.

The name of [redacted]  
Englewood, N.J., appeared in a list of "Prop" men, Warner  
Brothers, considered using in the production of the motion  
picture "The FBI Story". [redacted]

The agent who observed the cars parked in front of  
295 Rutland Avenue, Teaneck, N.J., on 12/17/59 was SA JAMES N.  
KENNEDY, JR.

The confidential source who identified [redacted]  
[redacted] as being a member of the CP in 1957 is [redacted]

The confidential source who made available the  
PROGRESSIVE PARTY leaflet is [redacted]

The information furnished by [redacted] was  
received by SA JOHN E. CHENOWETH.

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2 - New Orleans (157-358) (encs. 2)  
1 - Newark  
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2 cc [redacted] destroyed

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Newark, New Jersey

August 22, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961

On August 4, 1961, [redacted]  
Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, New Jersey, advised  
that her records reflect the following regarding [redacted] b. APPROX. [redacted]  
[redacted] New Jersey.

A credit report dated December 21, 1960, prepared  
for the [redacted] New Jersey,  
reflects that [redacted] is a [redacted] male, [redacted] years of age, [redacted]  
[redacted] For the past [redacted] years, he has  
been self-employed as [redacted]  
operating out of his home. His income was estimated at no  
less than [redacted] per year. He maintains a [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City, with [redacted]  
[redacted]

On August 4, 1961, [redacted]  
of the Identification Bureau, Bergen County Sheriff's Office  
and Detective [redacted] Englewood Police Department,  
advised that their departments had no record identifiable  
with [redacted]

On July 24, 1958, Sergeant [redacted] Ringwood,  
N.J. Police Department, advised that on June 29, 1958, he  
issued a speeding summons [redacted]  
Englewood in the vicinity of Camp Midvale, N.J., where a  
picnic was being sponsored by the "American Committee For  
the Protection of the Foreign Born". [redacted] stated that [redacted]  
protested that the only reason he was being given a summons  
was that [redacted] knew from where he had just come.

157-387-969

ENCLOSURE

The American Committee For the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Between 10:05 P.M. and 11:05 P.M. on December 17, 1959, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed that a car registered to [redacted] was among eight cars parked in front of the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] N.J. Also among these cars were cars registered to [redacted] Fair Lawn, N.J.; [redacted] Leonia, N.J.; and [redacted] Leonia, N.J.

On November 6, 1957, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was a Communist Party member in Bergen County, N.J. during 1957.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 2, 1959 issue of the "Bergen Evening Record" newspaper reflects a letter to the editor signed by Richard Schuckman who identified himself as the Chairman, Bergen County Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

On April 7, 1951, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet issued by the Progressive Party in which its N.J. address was listed as in care of Angelica Boles, 1585 Bergen Boulevard, Leonia, N.J.

On May 11, 1954, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] were communists.

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## PROGRESSIVE PARTY

A characterization of the PROGRESSIVE PARTY is located in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., revised and published as of January, 1957. It lists under Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S.Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91, the following:

PROGRESSIVE PARTY - 1. "Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. \*\*\* The Communist are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than Communist label!"

## APPENDIX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

~~FREEBOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS~~  
FREEBUS. SHERIFF J. ROBERT GILFOY, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED

TODAY THAT FR [REDACTED]

APPEARED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, TODAY FOR TRIAL AS  
SCHEDULED. BOTH WITHDREW THEIR APPEALS AND PAID FINES  
PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED ON THEM IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT. TIME  
PREVIOUSLY SPENT IN JAIL IN LIEU OF PAYMENT OF FINE WAS  
CREDITED AT RATE OF THREE DOLLARS PER DAY TO FINES PAID.  
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. TWENTYEIGHT.

NO FRs ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. TWENTYSEVEN SUMMARY.  
TOTAL ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND  
FROM MUNICIPAL COURT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE. RELEASED ON BOND  
FROM COUNTY COURT ONE. PAID FINE SIX. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE.  
RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE.  
RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU

OF BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE. NET IN CUSTODY THIRTY 29 1961  
FOUR. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON  
CITY JAIL. (u)

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*Officer from Jackson - Misc*

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 3P

FREEBUS. SHERIFF J. ROBERT GILFOY, HINDS COUNTY, JACKSON,  
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TODAY. [REDACTED] FR  
CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, AUG. TWENTYFOUR, WAS SENTENCED  
TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. [REDACTED]  
RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH APPEAL BOND PLUS ONE  
THOUSAND DOLLAR CASH COST BOND AUG. TWENTYFIVE. COURT ALLOWED  
THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND PREVIOUSLY POSTED  
AFTER CONVICTION IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT TO BE CREDITED  
TO THIS AMOUNT THUS MAKING TOTAL OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS  
CASH FOR BONDS. THESE BONDS RETURNABLE HINDS COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON, FIRST MONDAY, NOV. NEXT, WHICH IS  
NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED TERM OF HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,  
CRIMINAL MATTERS. APPEAL TO HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IS ON  
RECORD, AND NO TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE THAT COURT. JUDGE [REDACTED]  
INDICATED WOULD FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE RE BONDS FOR FUTURE  
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RIDERS CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT EXCEPT THAT COST BOND WOULD PROBABLY BE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN FUTURE RATHER THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. DUE TO LENGTH OF TRIAL IN [REDACTED] CASE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR COST BOND NECESSARY. FR [REDACTED] CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT AUG. TWENTYFIVE AND SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. HER APPEAL BOND SET AT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND COST BOND AT FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. [REDACTED] CONFINED TO HINDS COUNTY JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND. INASMUCH AS FR ARE TRIED DE NOVO IN HINDS COUNTY COURT, THE SENTENCES THEY RECEIVE MUST BE SERVED IN ENTIRETY AND NO CREDIT GIVEN FOR TIME SERVED ON PREVIOUS SENTENCES RECEIVED IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT. THE FINE IMPOSED IN HINDS COUNTY COURT MUST ALSO BE PAID IN FULL OR TIME SERVED IN LIEU OF FINE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. TWENTYFIVE DASH NOTE THAT NET IN CUSTODY FIGURE HEREAFTER WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE FR CONFINED IN LIEU OF BOND AFTER CONVICTION IN HINDS COUNTY COURT. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. TWENTYFIVE SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL COURT TWO FIVE THREE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED

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AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE  
ONE. RELEASED ON BOND FROM COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED IN  
LIEU OF BOND FROM COUNTY COURT ONE. NET IN CUSTODY THREE FOUR.  
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON  
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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1P

FREEBUS . FR [REDACTED] WAS CONVICTED IN HINDS COUNTY  
COURT, JACKSON, MISS., THIS PM. DEFENSE CALLED NO WITNESSES.  
SENTENCE NOT YET IMPOSED. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM,  
AUG. TWENTY FOUR - NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG.  
TWENTY THREE SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED  
ON BOND TWO FIVE THREE. PAID FINE FOUR. <sup>E</sup>RELEASED TO ATTORNEY  
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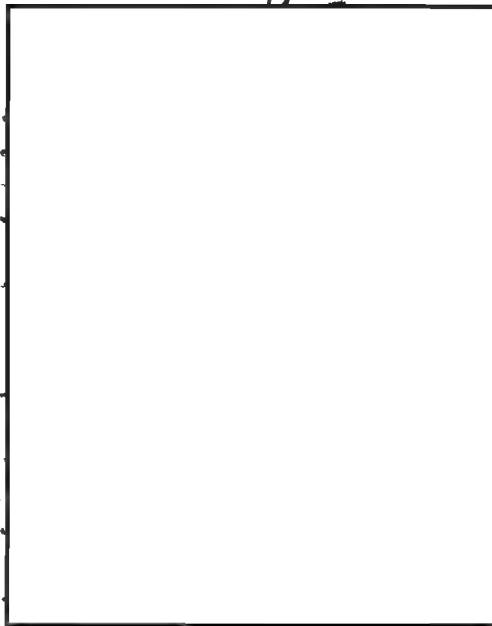
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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

Remytel 8/23/61.

On 8/23/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County SO, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following Freedom Rider prisoners were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on 8/23/61. According to [redacted] these bonds are returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. on 9/11/61.



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FREEBUS. AUGUST TWENTYSEVENTH EDITION CLAIRION DASH LEDGER JACKSON, MISS. NEWSPAPER, CARRIES STORY REFLECTING THAT USDJ HAROLD COX, JACKSON, ON AUG. TWENTYSIX DENIED PETITIONS OF FIVE FR TO REMOVE THEIR PENDING CASES FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, TO USDC. HE REMANDED THE CASES TO HINDS COUNTY COURT. JUDGE COX QUOTED IN ARTICLE AS SAYING THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH FR CONVICTED IS A PERFECTLY NATURAL AND NECESSARY EXERCISE BY THE STATE OF WELL KNOWN AND WELL RECOGNIZED POLICE POWER. IS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING IN REFERENCE TO FR QUOTE "THIS COURT MAY NOT BE REGARDED AS A HAVEN FOR ANY SUCH COUNTERFEIT CITIZENS FROM OTHER STATES DELIBERATELY SEEKING TO CAUSE TROUBLE" UNQUOTE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF THREE PM, AUG. TWENTYSEVEN. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. TWENTYSIX SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL COURT TWO FIVE THREE PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION

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FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION  
SENTENCE ONE. RELEASED ON <sup>Bond From</sup> ~~SOME~~ COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED  
IN LIEU OF BOND FROM COUNTY COURT ONE. NET IN CUSTODY THIRTYFOUR.  
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY  
JAIL.

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: August 24, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: NO 157-298

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:00 P. M., JUNE 7, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [redacted] released on \$500 cash appeal bond 6/28/61, returnable Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61 [redacted] failed to appear in court 8/14/61 and appeal bond ordered forfeited.

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DETAILS:

On June 28, 1961 Chief Deputy FRANK JONES, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] had been released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond on June 28, 1961. According to JONES, this appeal bond was returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961.

JONES advised that [redacted] had stated at the time of leaving that he intended to return to Vancouver, British Columbia, via plane, on June 29, 1961.

On August 14, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD GILLILAND that [redacted] failed to respond when his name was called on the docket in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, August 14, 1961. [redacted] \$500.00 appeal bond was ordered forfeited by the court.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-288)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

TRAILWAYS BUS #5141, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 6, 1961  
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TRAILWAYS BUS #5141,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6/6/61

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Date of trial



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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: MISC.  
FREEDOM RIDES 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
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Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans, 7/26/61.

The following investigation was conducted by NYO  
but no further information concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NY was developed.

NYO indices were reviewed.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York  
were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] on 8/3/61.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD,  
were reviewed by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY on 8/8/61.

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification,  
NYCPD, were reviewed by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY on 8/10/61.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/25/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-301)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961  
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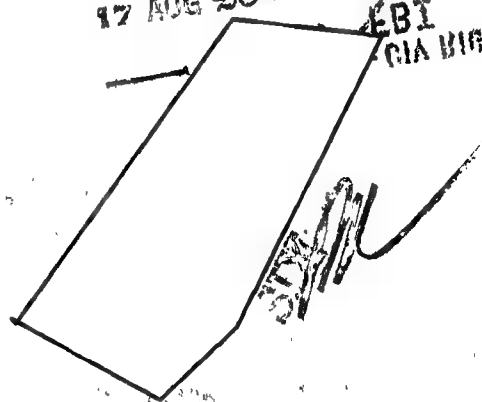
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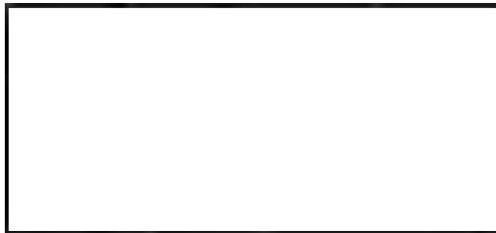
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DATE: 8/25/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-307)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS #4290, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 16, 1961  
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SUBJECT: *miscellaneous*  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5708, FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 7, 1961  
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**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5708  
FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6/7/61**

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Date of trial


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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-293)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE 4/5/1961  
ILLINOIS-CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #2  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 10:20 A. M., 3/8/61  
RM; CR

## MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed for information of the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth trial dates for Freedom Riders involved in instant ride.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #2

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO JACKSON,

MISSISSIPPI, 10:20 A. M., 6/8/61

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DATE OF TRIAL

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9/14/61

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-295)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #465

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,

4:59 P. M. CST, JUNE 7, 1961

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/25/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-299)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 10, 1961  
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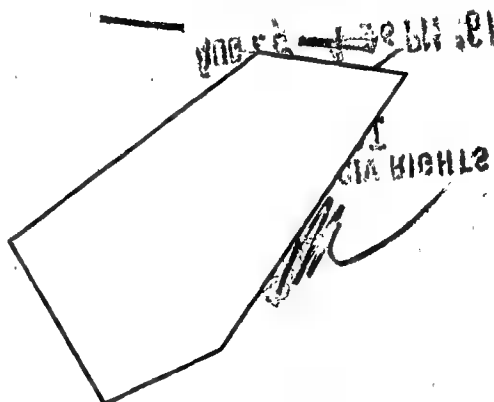
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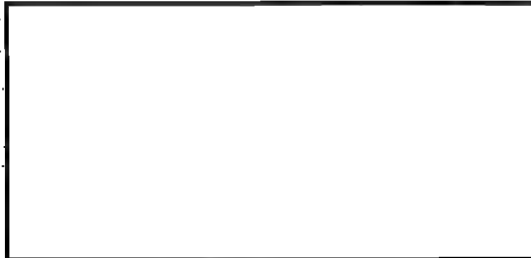
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 10, 1961

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-387)

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-296)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

*MISCELLANEOUS*  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 5:30 A. M., JUNE 9, 1961  
RM; CR

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**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN #205.  
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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

SUBJECT: "FREEBUS"  
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Freedom Riders MISCELLANEOUS

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS," (SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP), suitable for dissemination.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of all future pertinent developments.

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

On August 21, 1961, Freedom Rider [redacted] went on trial in Marion County Court, Ocala, Florida, Judge Lewis O. Myers presiding, on charge of "Unlawful Assembly." [redacted] was arrested in Ocala, Florida, on June 16, 1961, along with Freedom Riders [redacted] and [redacted] on charges of "Unlawful Assembly," and "Failure to Obey an Officer."

On August 22, 1961, the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" against [redacted] and he was sentenced to flat six months and fined \$300.00. [redacted] is to be released on \$1,000.00 bond, pending the filing of an appeal.

On August 21, 1961, Judge Myers withheld a decision on a motion to quash charges of "Failure to Obey an Officer," pending against Freedom Riders [redacted]. A final decision will be made following final disposition of an appeal of conviction in County Court on "Unlawful Assembly" against [redacted]. If the appeal is granted on the basis there was no unlawful assembly, Judge Myers indicated he would not dismiss the "Failure to Obey" charges. However, if the appeal should be upheld on other grounds, then he would quash the charges as requested in a motion by Freedom Riders Attorney [redacted], Jacksonville, Florida.

In view of this the trials of [redacted] on charges of "Failure to Obey an Officer" will be postponed indefinitely.

The above information has been discussed with [redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida, on a continuing basis.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/24/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/26-8/15/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961</b> <b>GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL</b> <b>JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI</b> <b>JUNE 14, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>pab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 7/14/61 at  
New Orleans.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is designated for  
the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that  
a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive  
status in the New Orleans Office until December 28, 1961, date  
of trial for [REDACTED] At that time New Orleans will report  
results of trial.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: August 24, 1961

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Field Office File No.: NO 157-304

Bureau File No.: 157-387

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

[REDACTED]  
GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 14, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] released on \$500 cash appeal bond  
7/25/61 returnable Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss.,  
8/14/61. Appeared and was arraigned in Hinds County Court,  
8/14/61. Entered PNG on charge of breach of peace. Trial  
set for 12/28/61.

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DETAILS:

On July 26, 1961 Deputy [REDACTED] Hinds County  
Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond the  
night of July 25, 1961. According to [REDACTED] this bond was  
returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi  
on August 14, 1961.

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A.  
TRAVIS, JR., Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA A. GLENWOOD  
GILLILAND that [REDACTED] who had been previously  
released on appeal bond, appeared in Hinds County Court,  
Jackson, Mississippi on August 14, 1961 [REDACTED] was arraigned  
on a charge of breach of the peace. Through his attorney, he  
entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of  
trial for [REDACTED] as December 28, 1961.

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# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/23/61

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

SUBJECT:

*MISC*  
FREEDOM RIDE 8/19/61  
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 411  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
7/24/61  
RM; CR

Re New Orleans airtel to San Francisco, 7/25/61.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to CECIL A. THOMAS, arrested 7/24/61 at the Jackson, Mississippi Municipal Airport Terminal.

The source utilized in the memorandum is

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - New Orleans (157-355) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
(1 - 100-46103 CECIL THOMAS)  
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San Francisco 2, California

August 23, 1961

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 411  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 24, 1961

Records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department reflect that CECIL A. THOMAS, 962 Ordway Street, Albany, California was one of four passengers on Delta Airlines Flight 411 arriving at the Jackson, Mississippi, Municipal Airport from Montgomery, Alabama on July 24, 1961, who were arrested for Breach of Peace for having failed to move on when ordered to do so by the Jackson Police Department.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 8, 1961 that CECIL A. THOMAS, 962 Ordway Street, Albany, California, was Executive Secretary of the University YMCA, Stiles Hall, 2400 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, California. The source further advised that THOMAS is a pacifist and has been active in opposition to universal military training, nuclear weapons and during World War II, was a conscientious objector, having been jailed for his refusal to be inducted.

The records of the Albany and Berkeley, California Police Departments contain no reference to CECIL A. THOMAS.

Records of the Greater East Bay Credit Bureau, Oakland, California contain no unfavorable information concerning CECIL A. THOMAS.

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-279)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

*MISCELLANEOUS*  
~~Greyhound Bus #4450~~ from Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi, 5:15 P. M., 5/27/61 to  
5:37 A. M., 5/28/61  
RM; CR

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copies letterhead memorandum setting forth the trial dates for  
Freedom Riders involved in instant ride.

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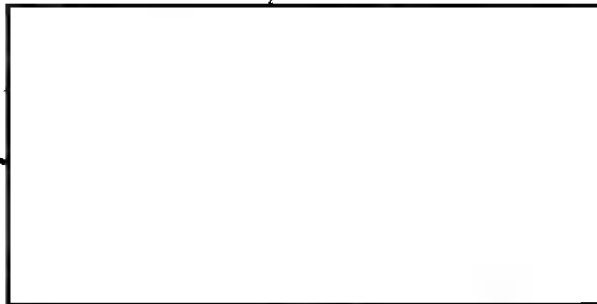
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**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961**  
Greyhound Bus #4450 from  
Nashville, Tennessee to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
5:15 P. M., ~~5/27/61~~ to  
5:37 A. M., 5/28/61

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DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-280)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad,  
Leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, 7:15 A. M., 5/30/61,  
and Arriving Jackson, Mississippi, 10:16 A. M.,  
5/30/61  
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FREEDOM RIDERS, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad,  
Leaving New Orleans,  
Louisiana, 7:15 A. M.,  
5/30/61, and Arriving  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
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[Redacted]

PAUL S. GREEN //

[Redacted]

Date of trial

10/2/61

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus #5141 from  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
7:00 A. M. to 1:15 P. M.,  
May 28, 1961

On August 15, 1961 City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. TRAVIS, JR. advised that the following Freedom Riders, who had been previously released on appeal bond, appeared in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 1961. They were arraigned on a charge of breach of the peace. Through their attorneys they entered a plea of not guilty. The court then set the date of their trial as indicated below:

NAME

DATE OF TRIAL

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10/27/61  
10/27/61  
11/22/61  
11/16/61  
11/6/61  
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10/4/61

Mr. TRAVIS advised that Freedom Rider  failed to respond to the call of the docket in the Hinds County Court, August 14, 1961, and his appeal bond was ordered forfeited.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-278)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

TRAILWAYS BUS #5141 FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 7:00 A. M. to  
1:15 P. M., MAY 28, 1961.  
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for Freedom Riders involved in instant ride.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-285) DATE 11-18-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

TRAILWAYS-BUS #5141, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, 2:14 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961  
RM; CR

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS #5141,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
2:14 P. M., JUNE 2, 1961

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Date of trial



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-19)

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FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-24)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad  
New Orleans, Louisiana to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
June 25, 1961  
RM; CR

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Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 7/26/61 at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of requested letterhead memorandum relating to Freedom Rider [redacted] Arizona. There is enclosed for the New Orleans Office, one copy of this memorandum.

The Phoenix Office indices reflect that the information appearing in the attached letterhead memorandum attributed to newspaper items, was also developed through investigation, however, it is being attributed to the newspaper articles inasmuch as this letterhead memorandum is for the purpose of dissemination.

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Phoenix, Arizona

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961

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[redacted] Tucson Merchants  
Credit Bureau, Tucson, Arizona, advised August 3, 1961,  
that there was no credit information available concerning  
FRANK JOHNSON, 420 North Herbert Avenue, Tucson, born  
October 2, 1939, Tucson, Arizona.

[redacted] Records Section of the  
Tucson Police Department, advised August 3, 1961, there  
was no identification record at the Tucson Police Depart-  
ment, identifiable with FRANK JOHNSON, 420 North Herbert  
Avenue, Tucson, born October 2, 1939, Tucson, Arizona.

[redacted] Identification Bureau of  
the Pima County Sheriff's Office, stated August 3, 1961,  
there was no identification record at the Tucson Police  
Department identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted] born [redacted]  
Arizona.

On June 24, 1961, an article appeared in the  
Tucson Daily Citizen, daily publication published at Tucson,  
Arizona, which was captioned "Tucsonian Leaves to Join  
Riders." This article, which was in the nature of a news  
item, reflected that the National Organization of the Com-  
mittee of Racial Equality (CORE) paid the expenses of one  
FRANK JOHNSON, 21, 420 North Herbert Avenue, Tucson, to  
fly to New Orleans on the 24th to join a group of 15 Freedom  
Riders from the West Coast to start a bus trip into the

[redacted]

## FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

deep South. This article described JOHNSON as a native Tucsonian, a Navy veteran and a former track and basketball letterman at Tucson High School. The article also reflected that he was the winner of the Navy's National Essay Contest on the Responsibilities of Democracy.

A news item appearing in the June 26, 1961, edition of the Arizona Daily Star, a daily publication, published at Tucson, Arizona, carried an article captioned "20 'Riders' Jailed in Jackson." Below this caption was a subheadline "U A Student Among Those Arrested." This article under the dateline Jackson, Mississippi, reflected that a group of eleven Negroes and nine white persons were arrested in Jackson on June 25, 1961. Among those arrested was FRANK JOHNSON, 20, 420 North Herbert, Tucson, University of Arizona student, Negro.

A news item appearing in the July 7, 1961, edition of the Tucson Daily Citizen captioned "Tucson Girl in Freedom Rider Group" indicated that FRANK JOHNSON, 21, was the first Freedom Rider from Tucson and that he was jailed approximately two weeks ago in Jackson, Mississippi.

A news item appearing in the Tucson Daily Citizen on July 26, 1961, captioned "Two Tucson Riders Free on Bond" under dateline Houston, Texas, reflected that FRANK JOHNSON, 21, of 420 North Herbert, Tucson, and PATRICIA D. BASKERVILLE, 18, of 2914 South Park Avenue, July 21, 1961, in an unsuccessful attempt to infiltrate the Union Train Station coffee shop. The article set forth that these two parties had been released on \$500.00 bond on charges of unsuccessful assembly. The article stated that JOHNSON and Miss BASKERVILLE said they intended to remain in Houston until the matter was resolved.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

RE: "FREEBUS"  
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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY  
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ReMyTel 8/22/61, and MyAirtel 8/24/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
copies of a letterhead memo, captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP), suitable for dissemination. CThis matter will be closely followed and the Bureau  
will be kept advised of all current developments.

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Jacksonville, Florida

August 25, 1961

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

On August 22, 1961, Freedom Rider [redacted] was found "guilty" of "unlawful assembly" by six man jury in Marion County Court, Ocala, Florida. He had been arrested at the Greyhound Bus Station, Ocala, on June 16, 1961, along with Freedom Riders [redacted] on charges of "unlawful assembly" and "failure to obey an officer." [redacted] was sentenced to flat six months and \$300 fine or additional six months.

Immediately upon completion of sentencing, [redacted] attorney [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida, filed a motion for a new trial but this motion was denied. Jackson then filed notice of appeal and [redacted] was released on \$1,000 bond.

Freedom Riders [redacted] were previously found "guilty" of "unlawful assembly" in jury trials held in Marion County Court, Ocala, Florida, on July 7, 1961. On July 17, 1961, [redacted] was sentenced to pay fine of \$500 or six months in jail, plus 30 days jail sentence.

[redacted] was sentenced to 90 days in jail or \$250 fine. Both [redacted] are free on \$1,000 bonds each, pending appeals before next term of Circuit Court.

Cases against [redacted] for "failure to obey an officer" have been postponed indefinitely until the appeals are completed in Circuit Court.

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

The foregoing information has been discussed with  
[redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville,  
Florida, on a continuing basis.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RM  
(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

Agency Atlanta  
Req. Rec'd 9-1-61  
Date Forw. 9-1-61  
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By file

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Information concerning the arrest and description of [redacted] set forth in enclosed letterhead, was contained in report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/10/61, at New Orleans, captioned "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, Trailways Bus, Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., 7/7/61; RM; CR".

Information furnished by [redacted] set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, was telephonically received by IC [redacted] on 8/28/61.

The confidential sources used in the characterization of [redacted] in the order utilized are identified as follows:

[redacted]  
Anonymous

[redacted] St. Louis Office

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2 - New Orleans (Encl. 2) (RM)  
2 - Charlotte (Encl. 2) (RM)  
1 - New York (157-391)

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Sources, according to the order in which they are utilized in the characterization of the FPCC are [redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] referred to above is subject of file [redacted] FUGITIVE; SM-MISCELLANEOUS; UFAP-KIDNAPPING", office of origin Charlotte.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
New York, New York  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

August 30, 1961

Re: Freebus  
Racial Matters

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On August 28, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, advised that on the above date, he had received a  
telephone call from [redacted] a Freedom Rider, currently  
in Monroe, North Carolina, who informed him that he had been  
threatened by the Monroe, North Carolina Police Department and told  
to get out of North Carolina. [redacted] NY

[redacted] stated that "they (Freedom Riders) were in  
Monroe, North Carolina to get in touch with [redacted]  
[redacted] former National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People (NAACP) leader in that area, in order to pacify  
[redacted] and keep him quiet". WVA

[redacted] requested that [redacted] wire him \$20.00,  
c/o Western Union Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, so that he  
might obtain transportation out of North Carolina. [redacted] would  
not advise [redacted] as to how he was going from Monroe, North  
Carolina to Charlotte, North Carolina, since he was afraid "that  
the conversation was being listened to".

It is noted that [redacted]  
New York, who was born on [redacted] at New York, New York,  
was among a group of Freedom Riders who were arrested on July 7,  
1961, by the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department at the  
Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi on a charge of breach  
of peace.

[redacted] is described as [redacted] years old, [redacted]  
feet tall, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] eyes, dark hair, [redacted] complexion,  
[redacted] build, [redacted] and a student at Queens College, New York  
City.

Concerning [redacted] mentioned above,  
it is noted that on April 10, 1950, a confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] attended a Communist Party (CP) meeting which was  
held in the Headquarters of the CP, United States of America (USA),  
District 22, Room 14, Brown Building, Charleston, West Virginia in  
1950.

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Re: Freebus  
Racial Matters

On June 15, 1955, [ ] voluntarily appeared at the Charlotte Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he denied ever being a member of the CP, but stated he had met individuals who were members, but declined to name them.

On February 29, 1956, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, [ ] had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and requested that he be allowed to enter and live in the Soviet Union because as a Negro he could not expect to receive justice since racial prejudice was greater than social justice in the United States.

On February 2, 1959, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a piece of the letterhead stationery of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice, which reflected that [ ] of the Union County, North Carolina, NAACP, was [ ] of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice.

On December 19, 1958, a fourth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice was being set up in order to concern itself mainly with the racial issue involving the conviction and incarceration of two Negro youths, ages 8 and 10 at Monroe, North Carolina, who were convicted of kissing a white girl. This source added that this committee would concern itself with other racial incidents and intends to become a prominent organization. This same source also stated that this committee was initiated through the efforts of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), which was the motivating force in the formation of this committee.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 6, 1960 edition of "The New York Times" carried an article which maintained that the United States Press had made certain charges against Cuba which were not true and that the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. Among those listed as members of this committee was Williams.

On August 10, 1960, a fifth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 7, 1960, he attended a meeting at 116 University Place, New York City, at which time [ ] was introduced as a noted Negro leader from Monroe, North Carolina, a sponsor of "Fair Play for Cuba Committee", and that [ ] had just returned from an extended tour of Cuba, where he observed the revolution, first hand, and

Re: Freebus  
Racial Matters

participated in the July 26, 1960 celebration on the Sierra Maestra. [ ] stated he visited Cuba to see the advancement of the Cuban Revolution and was very impressed by its success. [ ] stated today in Cuba one does not see any racial discrimination and that the United States Government and the State Department are making a definite effort to keep Negroes out of Cuba. [ ] stated "the progress of the revolution can be seen all over - - - If this is Communism, then I vote for Communism".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/29/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: RIDERS - MISS.  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tenn.  
to Jackson, Miss., July 29, 1961  
RM; CR  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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See airmail

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston, 7/31/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter and eight copies of a memorandum describing the reliability of the informants utilized therein.

Referenced airtel contains a list of Freedom Riders who were arrested by the Jackson, Miss. Police Dept., at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss., on 7/29/61, after arriving by bus from Nashville, Tenn. All were charged with breach of peace.

Included in this list from the NY area in addition to described in letterhead memorandum, were:

[redacted] NYC, [redacted]  
born [redacted] at [redacted] N.J. [redacted] lbs., [redacted] eyes, [redacted]  
hair [redacted] complexion, unemployed, shows former employment as [redacted]  
(no city).

[redacted] Mass. [redacted]  
born [redacted] at [redacted] Mass. [redacted] lbs., [redacted] eyes, [redacted]  
hair [redacted] complexion, is student, Columbia University, NYC, admits picketing restaurant in Xenia, Ohio, no date. Is former member NAACP.

With the exception of information contained in enclosed letterhead concerning [redacted] no information concerning the above individuals was obtained through a review of the NYO indices.

In addition, the following investigation failed to reflect any additional information concerning [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 16), (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-358) (Encl. 14) (RM)
- 1 - New York (157-391)

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Records of the BSS, NYCPD, reviewed by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY on 8/8/61.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater NY reviewed by IC [ ] on 8/9/61.

Records of the BCI reviewed by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY on 8/10/61.

NYO indices were reviewed under the name [ ] but contained no additional information.

The pretext mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum was a pretext telephone call made by SA [ ] to [ ] on 4/4/60. The pretext used was that of a representative from the New York State Educational Planning Commission surveying needs of the educational system on a college level in the State of New York.

The confidential source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [ ]

The source utilized in the characterization of the Young Socialist Alliance is [ ]



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New York, New York

NYfile 157-391

August 29, 1961

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961  
Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee  
to Jackson, Mississippi, July 29, 1961  
Racial Matters; Civil Rights

[redacted]  
New York, [redacted] born [redacted] at Manhattan, New York,  
[redacted] feet [redacted] inches [redacted] pounds, [redacted] eyes [redacted] hair, [redacted]  
complexion, student, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin,  
was among group of Freedom Riders who were charged with breach of the  
peace and arrested on July 29, 1961, by the Jackson, Mississippi  
Police Department, at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson,  
Mississippi, after arriving by bus from Nashville, Tennessee.

On March 10, 1960, a confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] New York a student, had recently  
become a member of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

The Westchester County Telephone Directory for 1960  
contains a listing for [redacted] New  
Rochelle, New York, telephone number New Rochelle [redacted].

By means of a pretext utilized by a Special Agent of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, on April 4, 1960, it was ascertained  
from [redacted] that [redacted] who is actually named  
[redacted] is [redacted] that she was born in [redacted]  
was then a student in New Rochelle High School and planned to attend  
college in the fall of 1960, but as yet had not decided on what  
college she was to attend.

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Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee  
to Jackson, Mississippi, July 29, 1961  
Racial Matters; Civil Rights

#### YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS) page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA), was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

A source advised on May 3, 1961, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in New York City, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised that the YSA is dominated and controlled in its leadership and ranks by members of the SWP. The source added that the SWP considers the YSA as a training ground for hard-core SWP leadership activity and as its current and future hope for recruits and the promulgation of the SWP movement throughout the United States.

The headquarters of the YSA are located at 10 East 23rd Street, New York City.

The YS is a monthly publication, self-described in the May, 1961 issue as the official organ of the YSA.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NYfile 157-391

August 29, 1961

Title        Freedom Ride, 1961  
              Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee  
              to Jackson, Mississippi, July 29, 1961

Character    Racial Matters; Civil Rights

Reference   Letterhead memorandum, dated and  
captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS

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*FREEBUS RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

FREEBUS. [REDACTED] CHIEF OFFICE DEPUTY, HINDS COUNTY SO,  
JACKSON, MISS. ADVISED FR [REDACTED] RELEASED TODAY ON  
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND, POSTED WITH JACKSON MUNICIPAL  
COURT BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF  
FIVE PM, AUG. THIRTYONE. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. THIRTY SUMMARY.  
TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL  
COURT TWO SEVEN ZERO. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE.  
PAID FINES SEVEN. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED OF PROBATION  
FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION  
OF SENTENCE ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM HINDS  
COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER  
WITHDRAWING APPEAL TWO. NET IN CUSTODY TWO EIGHT. ALL FR  
PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

*Freedom Riders - Missu*  
FREEBUS. FR [REDACTED]

APPEARED IN HINDS

COUNTY COURT TODAY. WITHDREW THEIR APPEALS AND WERE COMMITTED  
TO CUSTODY OF HINDS COUNTY SHERIFF, TO SERVE OUT BALANCE OF FINE  
PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT. ARE CONFINED TO  
HINDS COUNTY JAIL. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM AUG.  
THIRTY. NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. TWENTYNINE SUMMARY.  
TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND FROM MUNICIPAL  
COURT TWO SIX NINE. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE.  
PAID FINES SEVEN. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON  
PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON  
EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF BOND FROM  
HINDS COUNTY COURT ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE AFTER  
WITHDRAWING APPEAL TWO. NET IN CUSTODY TWO NINE. ALL FR PRISONERS  
EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /100-225892/

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE /157-104/ 2P

Freedom Riders - MISC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY PAREN. CORE PAREN. DEMONSTRATION

AT MONROE, N. C., RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE

TODAY. CHIEF A. A. MAUNEY ADVISED AUG. THIRTY, SIXTYONE,

THAT AT THREE P. M. THIS DATE [REDACTED] RELEASED

ON PAYMENT OF TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS BOND. [REDACTED] WHILE IN

CUSTODY ON AUG. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYONE, WAS ASSAULTED BY

INMATE [REDACTED] MALE, RESIDENT OF MONROE, WHO

HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY PRIOR TO AUG. TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYONE,

UPON ARREST BY SHERIFF-S OFFICE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUSTAINED TWO BLACK

EYES AND ON AUG. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYONE, SIGNED WARRANT

CHARGING [REDACTED] WITH SIMPLE ASSAULT. CHIEF MAUNEY ADVISES

[REDACTED] MAINTAINS [REDACTED] STRUCK FIRST BLOW AND [REDACTED] IS

CONTEMPLATING COUNTER CHARGE OF ASSAULT BY [REDACTED] SEP 1 1961

IMMEDIATELY UPON RELEASE, [REDACTED] GRANTED PRESS CONFERENCE

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AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN. N. C. HIGHWAY PATROL, SBI, AND LOCAL OFFICERS ON DUTY MONROE THIS DATE TO MAINTAIN ORDER. THERE HAS BEEN NO PICKETING THIS DATE NOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTEMPLATED ACTION BY FREEDOM RIDERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] MALE, MONROE, N. C., HAD STATED THAT ADDITIONAL FREEDOM RIDERS WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MONROE, N. C. INFORMANT ADVISED THERE IS NO PICKETING OR RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN MONROE TODAY AND HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION REGARDING ANY PLANS FOR PICKETING TODAY. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-0)

Freedom Riders - Misc.

[redacted] D.C.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memo concerning captioned individual who planned to picket in front of the Justice Department on 8/29/61, about noon.

Two copies are being forwarded to Charlotte. Charlotte is requested to furnish any background data to Bureau and WFO if [redacted] is known to their office.

WFO indices negative on [redacted]

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By [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]  
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August 29, 1961

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[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Lieutenant [REDACTED] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 29, 1961, the following information:

At approximately 8:30 a.m. August 29, 1961, one [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Metropolitan Police Department and related that he intended to picket in front of the Justice Department Building about noon on August 29, 1961.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] stated no identifiable background data was obtained from [REDACTED] when he called the Metropolitan Police Department.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

*Freedom Riders - Miss*

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. NO FR TRIALS WERE SCHEDULED FOR HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, MISS. TODAY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. TWENTYNINE - NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. TWENTYEIGHT SUMMARY. SIX FR PRISONERS RELEASED AUG. TWENTYNINE ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND. IDENTITIES FOLLOW BY AIRTEL. PRISONER JAMES THOMAS MC DONOUGH RELEASED FROM MSP, PARCHMAN, AUG. TWENTYNINE, AFTER PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTYONE DOLLARS WHICH WAS BALANCE OF FINE IMPOSED AFTER CONVICTION IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT TWO SIX NINE. RELEASED ON BOND FROM HINDS COUTY COURT ONE. PAID FINES SEVEN. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RLEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE ONE. CONFINED TO JAIL IN LEIU OF BOND FROM HINDS COUTY COURT ONE. NET IN CUSTODY 1 TWO SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, HOUSTON

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*FREEDOM Riders - Misc*

FREEBUS. THE HOUSTON POST ON AUGUST 31, 1961 REPORTED TRIAL OF ELEVEN CALIFORNIA FREEDOM RIDERS AND SEVEN HOUSTON PYA MEMBERS WAS STARTED AUGUST 30, 1961. LOCAL COURT ENCOUNTERED TECHNICAL FLAW IN ORIGINAL COMPLAINTS WHICH DID NOT PROPERLY NAME UNION STATION COFFEE SHOP. BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE COUNSEL ALL DEFENDANTS WERE FREED BY INSTRUCTED VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY BUT WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1961 AFTER NEW COMPLAINTS OBTAINED. JUDGE GEORGE E. MILLER ANNOUNCED SPEEDY NEW TRIAL BECAUSE PART OF DEFENDANTS ARE COLLEGE STUDENTS PLANNING TO REENTER FALL CLASSES. LA VIA AM. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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Houston, Texas

August 21, 1961

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PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On August 18, 1961, Harris County Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. Williams advised his office had received, within the past two days, six telegrams from California, which were couched in similar phraseology and appeared to possibly have resulted from some type of organized campaign. In general, these telegrams protested the arrest and incarceration of the "Freedom Riders" from California and demanded their immediate release. The telegrams asserted these arrests were in violation of democratic principals. Chief Williams furnished the following names and addresses appearing as the senders of these telegrams. Street addresses were not included in most instances:

[Redacted]	N. Hollywood, <u>California</u>
[Redacted]	N. Hollywood, <u>California</u>
[Redacted]	N. Hollywood, <u>California</u>
[Redacted]	Los Angeles, <u>California</u>
[Redacted]	Los Angeles, <u>California</u>
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RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

[redacted] Los Angeles, California

[redacted]  
[redacted] North Hollywood,  
California

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On August 16, 1961, "The Houston Press" carried an article reporting District Attorney Frank Briscoe announced he would decide on August 18, 1961, whether or not to prosecute the unlawful assembly charges previously filed in connection with this matter against eighteen individuals. This article reported Briscoe had held lengthy conferences on August 15, 1961, with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Hamah King, and John Wildenthal, identified as attorneys for this group.

On August 18, 1961, at 2:05 PM, Assistant Chief Deputy Loyd Frazier, Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised that approximately ten Negroes identified as members of the Progressive Youth Association (PYA) had just appeared at the Harris County Courthouse and were engaged in picketing. Frazier stated members of this group were carrying signs to the general effect that District Attorney Frank Briscoe was not informed on the laws involved in the recent arrests at the Union Station Restaurant.

At 2:40 PM on August 18, 1961, Captain [redacted] Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised the above individuals only remained at the Courthouse for approximately twenty minutes and left without creating any disturbance. [redacted] stated uniformed officers of the Houston, Texas, Police Department had been stationed at each corner of the Courthouse Square to insure that traffic was not interfered with. [redacted] further stated that as the pickets left the Courthouse they received jeers and other calls from jail inmates who observed them from the windows of the Harris County Jail located on upper floors of the Courthouse building.

RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On August 18, 1961, "The Houston Chronicle" carried an article captioned "Eleven Riders Here to be Prosecuted." This article reported District Attorney Briscoe had announced his office would prosecute the eleven "Freedom Riders" and the seven Houston PYA members previously arrested when they sought service at the Union Station Restaurant at Houston. The article reported the "Freedom Riders", from California, claimed they were legitimate interstate travelers and, under Federal law, entitled to eat in the railroad station restaurant.

District Attorney Briscoe was quoted as follows: "After an objective study, we are convinced the defendants were not engaged in interstate commerce and that the coffee shop is not an integral part of interstate commerce facilities. Therefore, we are prosecuting." This article reported Briscoe then estimated the trials would begin in four to six weeks.

According to this article, the Californians involved held round-trip rail tickets from Los Angeles to Houston which were reportedly paid for by the Congress of Racial Equality. The article pointed out this was the first "Freedom Rider" invasion of Houston.

On August 19, 1961, "The Houston Chronicle" carried an article reporting members of the Progressive Youth Association, led by their president, John Hollie, picketed the Harris County Courthouse on August 18, 1961, in protest of the decision of District Attorney Briscoe to prosecute the unlawful assembly charges. According to this article, one of the seven Negro youths involved in the picketing carried a sign which said "The D. A. - Interprets law or expresses personal feelings?" In addition to Hollie, this article identified the six other pickets as the following students of Texas Southern University and (PYA) members:

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

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Freddy Jones,	B. APPROX.
R. L. Washington,	B. APPROX.
Thomas J. Harris,	B. APPROX.
Miss Nancy Smith,	B. APPROX.
Miss Judy Ann Gibson,	B. APPROX.

This article reported the picketing was orderly and there was no demonstration until the picketing students walked past the jail section of the courthouse. It was reported that Negro prisoners in the jail cheered, while white prisoners jeered.

On August 19, 1961, "The Houston Press" carried a similar article concerning the picketing incident. This article reported that other signs carried by the picketing students were as follows:

"Jailed For a Cup of Coffee"

"How Were the Freedom Riders  
Treated in Jail?"

"Does Briscoe Know the Laws  
of the ICC?"

With respect to persons mentioned above, on July 1, 1961, "The Informer" newspaper, published at Houston, Texas, carried an article identifying John W. Hollie as the president of the (PYA) and Thomas J. Harris, Judy Ann Gibson, and Nancy Smith as PYA members. *John W. Hollie*

On July 1, 1961, the "Forward Times" newspaper, published at Houston, Texas, identified Nancy Smith as secretary of the PYA.

RE: PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On July 7, 1961, "The Houston Press" carried an article identifying Nancy Smith as one of several young students who were charged with loitering on February 24, 1961, at the Union Station Restaurant in a previous sit-in demonstration. This article reported that Nancy Smith had been fined \$25.00 in Corporation Court and that this conviction had been upset by a decision in County Court which dismissed the original complaint.

On August 19, 1961, Assistant Chief Deputy Loyd Frazier, mentioned above, advised that all except two of the persons previously jailed in connection with the arrests at Union Station on August 11, 1961, were released from the Harris County Jail on that date. Frazier stated the two persons remaining in jail were Houston Negroes who were members of the PYA.

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On August 20, 1961, "The Houston Post" carried an article reporting that the remaining seven California "Freedom Riders" and five Houston demonstrators had been released from Harris County Jail on the previous date on \$500.00 bonds. The two Houston (PYA) members who remained in jail were identified as John D. Hutchins, [redacted] and Herbert Hamilton. [redacted]

B. APPROX. [redacted]

In this article George Washington, Jr., one of the attorneys of this group, stated the defendants released from jail intended to remain in Harris County to await trial. Washington was also quoted as expressing the opinion that District Attorney Briscoe's decision to prosecute the "Freedom Riders" was "ridiculous." This article reported the eleven "Freedom Riders" would remain in private homes at Houston while they awaited trial and prior to their trials they would speak before as many civic and church groups as they could in an effort to explain the problem of desegregation and its effect on the nation's foreign affairs.

The above article also reported that District Attorney Briscoe hoped to have the cases brought to trial in County Court at Houston within two weeks.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

RE: FREEBUS

RE: Houston teletype to the Bureau, 8/18/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letter-head memorandum bearing the caption "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC., CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY." This dual caption was used because the matter reported on involves a joint operation of these two organizations.

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

One copy of this memorandum is being disseminated to CIC, U. S. Army, Houston, Texas.

Indices of the Houston Office contain no references identifiable with the nine individuals residing in California, mentioned herein, who sent telegrams to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

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    - (1 - 80-284 - Dissemination File)
    - (1 - 62-1364 sub 4 - Racial Matters)

Agency J. J. Smith, Jr. & Co.  
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By airtel dated 8/18/61, Los Angeles was requested to search office indices and furnish any significant derogatory subversive information concerning these nine individuals to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum.

Major [ ] CIC, U. S. Army, and Assistant Chief of Police GEORGE SEBER, Houston, Texas, were advised at 2:10 PM on 8/18/61 of the picketing then occurring at the Harris County Courthouse.

Indices of the Houston Office contain no references identifiable with [ ]

[ ] identified among the persons who were picketing the Harris County Courthouse on 8/18/61.

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HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will maintain contact with established sources and advise the Bureau and interested office of pertinent developments in this matter.